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FOR EDWARD MARASCIULO, LA MCRSD

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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REF (A) OCCASIONED BY ABSENCE FROM NICARAGUA OF DR. JOSE A. CANTON, FBCAL NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA PARTNERS. WE CAN NOW PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. THERE IS A US TECHNICIAN IN LEON. HIS NAME IS JOSEPH E. ARINGTON,PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE LEON DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, A TAB/UD FUNDED ACTIVITY, UNDER A CONTRACT WITHPADCO, INC.

B. THE LOCAL JANESVILLE/LEON COMMITTEE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED, AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ARINGTON IS A MEMBER.

C. THE MAYOR OF LEON IS STILL PRESIDENT, BUTPROBABLY THE BEST NICARAGUAN CONTACT IS DR. FRANCISCO PEREIRA, SECRETARIO, COMPANEROS DE LAS AMERICAS LEON/JANESVILLE, 4TA. CALLE NORTE, NO. 210, LEON,NICARAGUA, CENTROAMERICA. ANOTHER GOOD CONTACT WOULD BE ARQUITECTO JOSEPH E. ARINGTON, OFICINA DE URBANISMO, MUNICIPALIDAD DE LEON, LEON, ICARAGUA.

D. ARINGTON HAS TELEPHONED ROBERT W. BLISS, PUBLISHER OF THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE AND ON FEBRUARY 4,1976, WROTE HIM SUGGESTING THAT THE TAB-FUNDED PROJECT AS IT DEVELOPS QUOTE COULD PROVIDE A VIABLE CHANNEL FOR ESTABLISHING PRODUCTIVE COMMUNICATION AND
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COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE JANESVILLE AND LEON COMMUNITIES AND

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MIGHT SPECIFICALLY ASSIST YOUR COMMITTEE IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND FOCUSSING POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE ON THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE PRIORITY WITHIN THE LEON COMMUNITY END QUOTE. A COPY OF THIS LETTER WAS APPARENTLY SENT TO MR. PARKER, AND MR. BLISS HAS FORWARDED A COPY TO DR. HENRY PETERS, PRESIDENT OF THE WISCONSIN PARTNERS.

2. THUS, EVENTS HAVE OVERTAKEN OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED REGARDING CONTACTS AND PROJECTS, BUT FORTUNATELY ALL TO THE GOOD.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THE ONLY REGULAR AID SUPPORT TO THE PARTNERS IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEENTO NAPA. HOWEVER, IN A FEW RARE INSTANCES THE WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA PARTNERS HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUR SDA FUND. THIS IS STILL A POSSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE, ASSUMING A GIVENPROJECT MEETS THE USAID CRITERIA FOR SUCH FUNDING AND ASSUMING WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AN ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR THIS ACTIVITY. APPLICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE HERE TO THE MISSION. FRANKMANN, CHIEF OF OUR EDUCATIONAND HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION, WHOM YOU KNOW, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SDA PROJECTS AND SERVES ALSO AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE PARTNERS AND EMBASSY/USAID AND IT IS TO EHRD THAT ANY APPLICATION FOR SDA FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

4. AS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF PACKAGES TO LEON, IF MR. SCHLICTING WILL CONTACT MR. PHILIP H. FALK, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA PARTNERS, 1842 VANHISE HALL, 1220 LINCOLN DIRVE, MADISON, WISCONSIN, MR. FALK CAN INFORM HIM OF THE CONTENTS OF A LETTER FROM MANN DATED MAY 19, 1975.

5. WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LEON COMMITTEE, AND THE PRESENCE OF ARINGTON, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THINGS ARE OFF TO A NEW START, WHCIH SHOULD OBVIATE IN THE FUTURE THE PROBLEMS MR. SCHLICTING HAS ENCOUNTERED.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
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